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## **American Reference Center to Reopen and Offer Distance Membership**

*Nairobi, 19 January 2012* - The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that the American Reference Center (ARC) will reopen to the public beginning Monday, January 23, and resume normal working hours. The ARC will be open to the public Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 0900 to 1600, Wednesdays 0900 to 1300, and Fridays 0900 to 1200. Anyone wishing to visit the ARC will need to bring a valid passport or national identity card to enter the U. S. Embassy.

The American Reference Center is also pleased to announce a new procedure for distance membership for those individuals outside of Nairobi who wish to become members. A new form has been placed on the U.S. Embassy homepage <http://nairobi.usembassy.gov/> and on the ARC page <http://nairobi.usembassy.gov/irc.html> that can be completed and submitted electronically. Individuals in Nairobi can also complete and submit the page prior to visiting the embassy to become a member. We will also be updating our membership information for current members as they visit the ARC. In all cases the ARC will require photos for ARC members. Passport photos may be brought to the ARC to be processed for membership cards, or distance members may submit them electronically. All categories of membership in the ARC are free. Members will also be able to register and receive a password for the eLibraryUSA. eLibraryUSA gives members of Information Resource Centers, American Corners, and other American Spaces around the world access to information that Americans find at their public libraries. It includes a broad range of resources about learning English, American history and culture, health, business, and more.

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